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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 September 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Johnson et al.

At the outset, it is noted that similar claims will be grouped together to avoid repetition in explanation.

As broadly drafted, these claims do not define any structure/step that differs from Johnson et al. With regard to claims 1, 19, and 20, Johnson et al. discloses a data communication apparatus comprising input means (keypad 14, for example) for inputting data; designating means (receiver destination including destination addresses/distribution list, for example, in Johnson et al.) for designating a plurality of

destinations for same data input by the input means, the plurality of destinations (destination addresses) being destinations to which data are to be transmitted by respective different transmission methods; transmitting means for transmitting the same data to the plurality of destinations designated by the designating means by the respective different transmission methods (in Johnson, the same data can be transmitted to a plurality of transmission paths to a plurality of destinations; see also Figs. 2 and 3 and description thereof); and managing means (in Johnson et al., the transmission status, for example, can be managed/updated) for managing information related to transmission by the transmitting means by associating a predetermined identifier (ID in Johnson et al.) with each of the data input by the input means. With regard to claim 2, the device of Johnson et al. further comprises display means (58) for displaying a list based on the information managed by the managing means. With regard to claim 3, it is clear that in Johnson et al., data can be transmitted using at least one transmission method of E-mail and FTP (File Transfer Protocol). With regard to claim 4, it is clear that at least the scanner (10) of Johnson et al. is readable as a reader for reading images on originals and generating image data corresponding to the images. It is also clear from Johnson et al.; and that data from the reader can be provided to the input means. With regard to claim 5 (as best understood), see at least Figs. 2 and 3, and description thereof). With regard to claim 6, it is clear that a user is able to provide instructions to the system of Johnson et al. With regard to claim 7, it is clear from Johnson et al. that a user is able to stop/interrupt data transmission associated with a particular transmission method and identified by their IDs; or even

change the destination of the transmission data. See at least col. 3, lines 63 to col. 5, line 28. With regard to claims 10-18, one using the apparatus of Johnson et al. would have performed the same method steps set forth in claims 10-18.

Response to Arguments

Applicants' arguments filed 9/20/2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

At the outset, Applicants are reminded that claims subject to examination will be given their broadest reasonable interpretation consistent with the specification. *In re Morris*, 127 F.3d 1048, 1054-55 (Fed. Cir. 1997). In fact, the "examiner has the duty of police claim language by giving it the broadest reasonable interpretation." *Springs Window Fashions LP v. Novo Industries, L.P.*, 65 USPQ2d 1862, 1830, (Fed. Cir. 2003). Applicants are also reminded that claimed subject matter not the specification, is the measure of the invention. Disclosure contained in the specification cannot be read into the claims for the purpose of avoiding the prior art. *In re Sporck*, 55 CCPA 743, 386 F.2d, 155 USPQ 687 (1986).

With this in mind, the discussion will focus on how the terms and relationships thereof in the claims are met by the references. Response to any limitations that are not in the claims or any arguments that are irrelevant and/or do not relate to any specific claim language will not be warranted.

The 112 Rejection:

The 112 rejection is hereby withdrawn in view of Applicants' amendment.

The 102 Rejection:

Applicants argue that Johnson does not disclose "associating a same predetermined identifier to each of the plurality of transmissions of the same data." At the outset, Applicants' own concession that in Johnson, a plurality of transmissions of the same data are assigned different destination addresses, is acknowledged. While it is true that a plurality of IDs are assigned to a plurality of transmissions, it is also true that the SAME identifier (ID) of EACH of the transmissions is maintained or preserved during a data transmission so that each transmission can be tracked or updated. In another word, the ID of each transmission remains the same during a data transmission. As a matter of fact, Johnson disclose that each job number can be queried at regular intervals to obtain updated status information while transmitting the files to selected destinations. See at least column 2, lines 60-67. Thus, it is clear that each selected destination/transmission must have must be associated with the SAME ID to enable status updating at regular interval. Johnson also discloses a tracking mechanism for assigning a jog number to each destination address. See at least column 3, lines 20-25; column 5, lines 15-17; and claim 19. Thus, it is clear that the SAME ID must be assigned to each destination/transmission so that tracking can be performed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Khanh Dang at telephone number 703-308-0211.



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